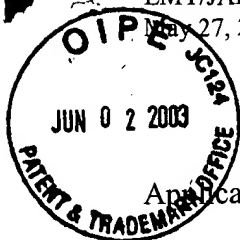


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 9	\$ 0
X \$42	\$ 0
+ \$140	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 0

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This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.